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LUSAKA JANUARY 4 -- ZAMBIA GOVERNMENT OWNED DAILY MAIL CARRIED
FRONT-PAGED WASHINGTON DATELINED STORY HEADLINED "US MAY BE MORE
AGGRESSIVE WITH RACISTS, SAYS YOUNG".

THE WIRE SERVICE STORY, BASED ON YOUNG NBC MEET THE PRESS TELE-
VISION INTERVIEW LED WITH FOLLOWING COMMENT: "YOUNG, WHO WILL
BE PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
SAID YESTERDAY HE EXPECTED THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO BE MORE
AGGRESSIVE ABOUT MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." END QUOTE.

YOUNG WAS QUOTED EXTENSIVELY AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: "I SEE THE UNITED STATES AS LIKELY TO HAVE A VERY AGGRESSIVE
POLICY TO MOVE TOWARD MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. NOW THIS
IS SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T REALLY HAD FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS."

AFTER HIS COMMENT INDICATING THAT THE US WAS SERIOUS
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AND THAT THE US WAS MOVING DECISIVELY TO SUPPORT THE BRITISH
IN RHODESIA AND THE UN EFFORTS IN NAMIBIA THE STORY CONTINUED
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: "I DON'T SEE SANCTIONS. I WOULD SEE AN ARMS EMBARGO, OF
COURSE BUT SANCTIONS VERY SELDOM HAVE WORKED. I THINK WHAT WE
HAVE GOT TO DO IS FIND WAYS TO USE THE TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE WE

HAVE TO MOVE TOWARD MAJORITY RULE"

MR. YOUNG SAID CHANGE CAN COME FROM AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF PRIVATE BUSINESS WHICH WOULD LEAD THE WAY FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY. "I THINK THAT IS TO SOME EXTENT POSSIBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA. I DON'T VIEW THE SOUTH AFRICAN WHITE COMMUNITY AS A MONOLITH AND I THINK THERE ARE FORCES WITHIN THAT COUNTRY THAT WILL RESPOND TO EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES THAT MIGHT COME BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY FROM THE UNITED STATES."

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION, HE ADDED: "I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY FOR THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENTS (OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA).

"WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT FOUR MILLION WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA I WOULDN'T WANT THEM DRIVEN INTO THE SEA ANY MORE THAN I WOULD WANT FOUR MILLION ISRAELIS DRIVEN INTO THE SEA".
END QUOTE

THE STORY WAS LINKED WITH ARTICLE ABOUT BRITISH LIBERAL PARTY LEADER DAVID STEEL'S STATEMENT THAT MAJOR TRAGEDY WAS ABOUT TO ENGULF RHODESIA UNLESS SMITH COULD BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT STABILITY OF BRITISH PRESENCE DURING TRANSITION TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE.
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